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## **LEONARD'S AGENDA ADVISORY**

(SACRAMENTO)-- State Board of Equalization member Bill Leonard today announced some issues of note scheduled for the December 4 Board of Equalization meeting in Sacramento.

- --- Will the Board act before its deadline to set property values for the remaining utilities, after which the decision is defaulted to Board of Equalization staff? [Property Tax Hearings]
- --- Will the trust cleaning up a toxic Superfund site be forced to pay taxes on earned interest income that would otherwise be used to clean up the site? [Item B, sub-item 2]
- --- Will the Board approve or deny four controversial petitions from California's assessors to amend certain property tax rules in a way that would raise taxes? [Chief Counsel Matters, M]